

Fellow campers and State Forest staff appreciate your cooperation and compliance with these rules and regulations. Violation may result in citations and/or loss of camping privileges.

Campground Rules and Regulations

CAMPING PERMITS

- For campsite reservations, contact Camis at **1-888-947-2757** or visit: **wisconsin.goingtocamp.com**. Reservations can be made up to 48 hours prior to arrival and no more than 11 months in advance.
- Only **one wheeled camping** unit is allowed per site. There is no limit on the number of tents, provided they fit within the perimeter of the campsite.
- **All campers must obtain a camping permit.** Backpack campers must obtain a free permit from the forest headquarters at least seven days prior to camping. Permits can be obtained by calling the office at **715-463-2898**.
- Maximum camping duration is **14 days within any 21-day period**.
- **A non-family group may not exceed six persons.** A “family” is limited to parent(s) and dependent children, and not more than two guests.
- Camping permits are valid from **3 pm of the first day to 3 pm of the last day**. Check out time is 3 pm.
- Electrical hookups are available at some sites **for an additional fee**. The fee is the same whether you use the amenity or not.

NOISE

- **At no time may the noise** in your campsite interfere with the enjoyment of your fellow campers.

CAMPFIRES

- **Contain fires within the metal fire ring** provided at each site. For the health of fellow campers, **don’t burn trash**.
- Don’t leave your fire unattended and be sure to **extinguish it completely** before leaving your campsite.
- Firewood is available for sale at the St. Croix Family and Trade River Equestrian Campgrounds. To protect our forest, firewood must be purchased **within 10 miles of the campground**, be DATCP-certified, or gathered dead and downed wood on the state forest. **Do not cut live trees or brush**.
- Charcoal and gas grills are allowed. **Carefully dispose of used charcoal**.

SANITARY FACILITIES

- To maintain safe drinking water, **don’t wash dishes at the pump**.
- **Sanitary dump stations** are located near the registration buildings at both the St. Croix Family and Trade River Equestrian Campgrounds.
- **Safe drinking water** is provided at all campgrounds. Water is available through the weekend closest to Columbus Day unless there are unseasonably warm temperatures.

Local Non-emergency Contacts

Burnett County Sheriff: 715-349-2121
Polk County Sheriff: 715-485-8300

PETS & HORSES

- Pets must be on a leash no longer than eight feet at all times. **Please clean up after your pets**.
- Portable pens may be used but **must be set up in the tie line area**.
- **Please secure horses to tie lines** rather than trees.

MOTOR VEHICLES

- **All vehicles** in Governor Knowles State Forest must have a Wisconsin State Parks and Forest admission sticker or pay the required daily use fee.
- **No more than two vehicles** may be parked at the campsite. Keep vehicles on gravel pads. Park extra vehicles at the registration building.

Camping Fees

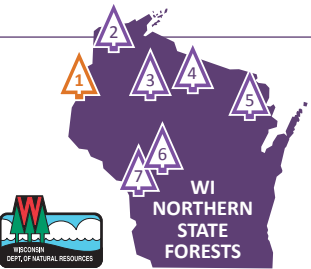
Resident.....	\$16/non-electric \$26/electric
Non-resident	\$21/non-electric \$31/electric

State Parks and Forest Admission Sticker

A State Parks and Forest Admission sticker is **REQUIRED** year-round on vehicles in the campgrounds and at the Governor Knowles picnic areas.

Resident.....	\$8/day; \$28/annual
Resident Senior Citizen (+65).....	\$3/day; \$13/annual
Non-resident ...	\$11/day; \$38/annual

Questions? Contact Governor Knowles State Forest Headquarters at 325 West State Road 70, Grantsburg, WI 54840. • 715-463-2898



Come back soon! And be sure to visit Wisconsin’s other Northern State Forests

- 1 Governor Knowles State Forest

2 Brule River State Forest.....

3 Flambeau River State Forest

4 Northern Highland American Legion State Forest.....

715-463-2898

715-372-5678

715-332-5271

715-542-3923
- 5 Peshtigo River State Forest

6 Black River State Forest.....

7 Coulee Experimental State Forest.....
- 715-757-3965

715-284-4103

608-785-9007

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WDNR Call Center (toll-free 7 a.m.-10 p.m.) **1-888-936-7463** • FOR EMERGENCIES, **DIAL 911**



Governor Knowles State Forest



Welcome!

Stay the Night or a Few Days in this Tranquil Equestrian Playground

With more than 40 miles of maintained, well-marked horse trails winding through breathtaking upland terrain and multiple forest types, Governor Knowles is your Northwoods destination for equestrian riding and camping. **Trade River Equestrian Campground** offers 40 campsites with picnic tables, fire rings and horse tie lines. Electrical hookups are available for an additional fee at some sites, and firewood is available for purchase. Vault toilets and water are located within the campground. The campground and trails are open May 1st through November 15th. Water is available through the weekend closest to Columbus Day unless there are unseasonably warm temperatures.

Barrens Loop Trail (Brown)

Barrens Loop is the 21-mile main trail of the Trade River Equestrian Trail System. The trail takes the rider through forested and barrens habitat and is comprised of tote roads and fire lanes. The trail is rated easy with only one steep hill along the way.

Sunrise Shortcut Trail (Green)

Sunrise Shortcut divides the Barrens Loop in half for those who want a shorter ride (about 12 miles). After leaving the Barrens Loop Trail, this three-mile shortcut meanders through scrub oaks, pine forests and up into some hardwoods. Riders frequently view birds of prey soaring overhead.

Wolf Creek Trail (Red)

Wolf Creek is a five-mile loop that travels east from the Barrens Loop toward Wolf Creek. The northern portion travels through a scenic forested area at different successional stages from old growth to young forest. The southern portion follows the St. Croix River Valley, home to a wide variety of wildlife including deer, ruffed grouse and many song birds. When riders reach Wolf Creek, they may at their own risk choose to tread the shallow rippling river, or cross the wooden bridge – sometimes using it as a sounding board to compete with friends to determine whose horse has the purest gait. Riders frequently take this trail to Wolf Creek Tavern to enjoy a cold drink, burger or Friday night fish fry!

Reservations

You can now make reservations online for campsites at: **wisconsin.goingtocamp.gov**. You can also call Camis at **1-888-947-2757**. Reservations can be made up to 48 hours prior to arrival and no more than 11 months in advance.

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Hitting the trail at Governor Knowles.

Riverview Trail (Black)

Riverview Trail is the most popular and difficult. The three-mile segment begins at the equestrian campground and runs south along a ridgetop overlooking the Trade River Valley. This very sandy path goes up steep embankments that can be quite eroded. Riders should give horses plenty of room when going up/down the trail and take their time. The overlook on this trail offers a breathtaking view and is a popular place for photos and lunch.

Harris Loop Trail (Yellow)

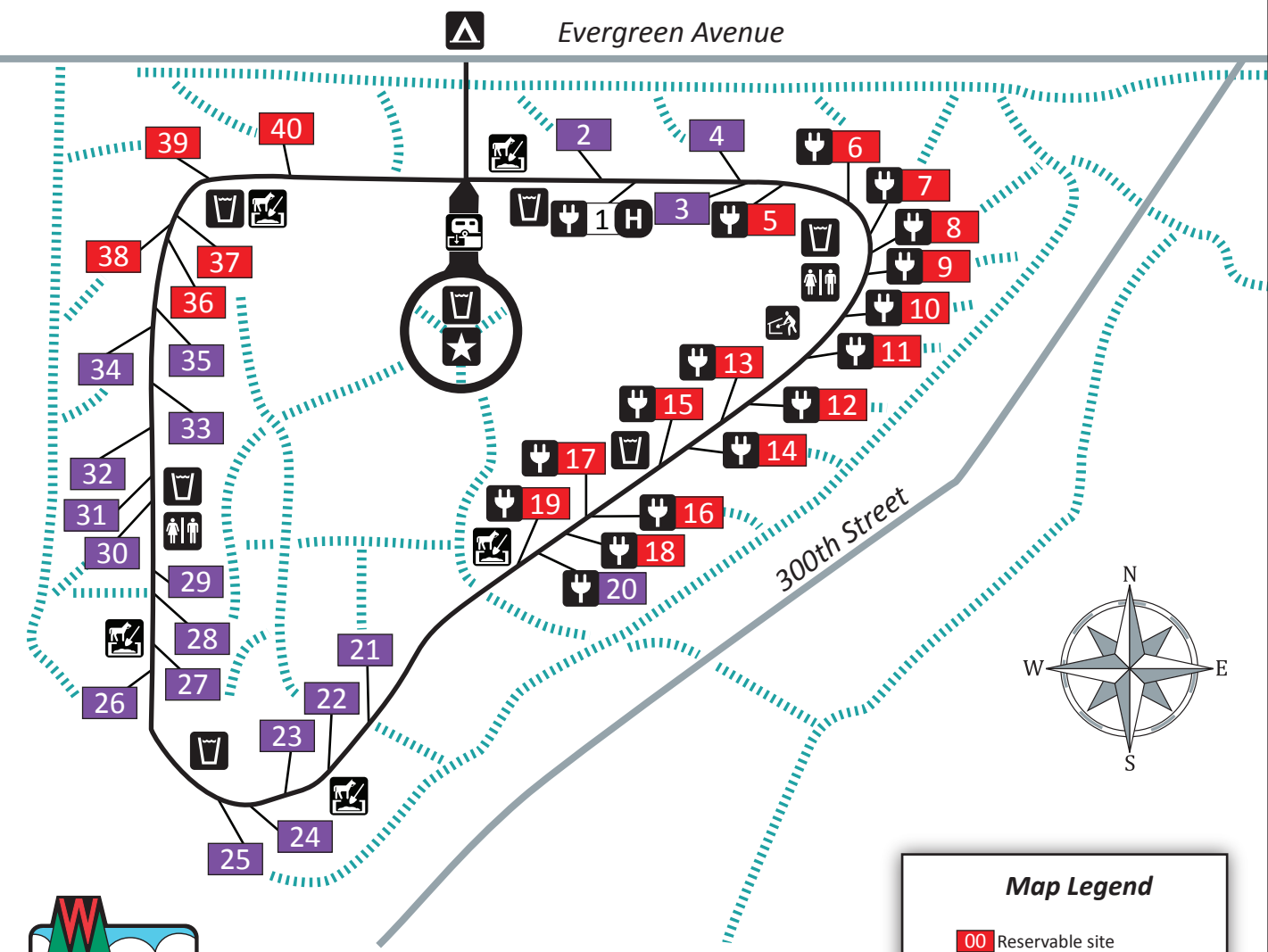
Harris Loop is a quick two-mile loop trail located at the southwest corner of the Barrens Loop. This trail winds through stands of oak, and jack and white pine.

Trade River Day Use Area

East of the equestrian campground, this area provides trail maps, water, restrooms, horse tie lines and self-registration on-site. Another parking area with maps is along the northern portion of the horse trail located at 340th Street and 290th Avenue. All vehicles require an annual admission sticker (or payment of a daily fee).

A Wisconsin State Trail Pass is required for riders 16 years and older. Passes can be obtained through self-registration at the trailhead or at a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Service Center.

Trade River Equestrian Campground



Other camping opportunities in the state forest include family camping at the **St. Croix Family Campground**, group camping at the **Sioux Portage Group Campground**, and backpack camping.

Governor Knowles State Forest is sustainably managed for wildlife, water quality, forest health, and wood products. You may encounter timber cutting operations within the forest.



Map Legend

- 00 Reservable site
- 00 Non-reservable site
- ⚡ Site with electricity
- Township road
- Campground road
- Horse trail
- ⬆ Campground entrance
- 🗑 Sanitary disposal station
- 🐾 Horse manure disposal
- ★ Self-registration
- 🚽 Pit toilet
- 🚰 Hand pump
- H Host site

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Trade River Equestrian Trail System



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